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SUBJECT: TANZANIA AVOIDS COMMENT ON UGANDA-KENYA BORDER DISPUTE

1. ALTHOUGH TANZANIAN MEDIA HAVE GIVEN FULL COVERAGE TO AMIN'S TERRITORIAL CLAIMS IN KENYA, AND FIERCE KENYAN REACTION TO THEM, REPORTING HAS CAREFULLY AVOIDED COMMENT ON DISPUTE. STORIES HAVE RELIED HEAVILY ON DIRECT QUOTATIONS, AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO EDITORIALS. MERITS IF ANY (OR EVEN BACKGROUND) OF AMIN CLAIM HAVE NOT BEEN DISCUSSED, AND AMIN HIMSELF HAS NOT BEEN TREATED WITH USUAL SCORN, WHILE REACTIONS OF KENYATTA AND OTHER KENYANS ALSO HANDLED NEUTRALLY AND IN DETAIL. ONLY INTERPRETIVE MATERIAL HAS BEEN A FEW STORIES SPECULATING ON DAMAGE DISPUTE MAY CAUSE OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SERVICES.

2. COMMENT -- ANYTHING INVOLVING UGANDA OR KENYA IS OBVIOUSLY A SENSITIVE ISSUE HERE, REQUIRING OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION AT HIGH LEVELS. EVIDENTLY TANGOV HASN'T YET DECIDED WHAT TO MAKE OF NEW UGANDA-KENYA CRISIS.

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